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to cement the ties of Imperial unity and his belief that Canada's destiny lies in maintaining her position as one of the great sisterhood of nations one in heart and soul with the Mother Country, the situation is liable to prove embarrassing.

From his early days Sir Wilfrid Laurier's desire has always been to break away from the Mother Country and the Empire. Before Confederation, in 1866, he wrote: "We (of the Papineau School) do not care a "fig for the English Colonies. When any change what-"ever is proposed to our political or social institutions, "we do not look to see whether this change will be of "use to the English Colonies or to any other neighbor: "What have we in common with the English Colonies?" "What have we in common with the English Colonies?" "What interest, what religion binds us to them?" Is mainter of origin, religion, language, national as-"prations? No, no at all."

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In 1885 at a meeting on the Champs de Mars in
Montreal, referring to the Rief rebellion, at a time
when he was a sworn privy councilior, he declared that
if he had been on the banks of the Saskatchewan he
would have shouldered his musket and would have levelled it at the soldiers of the Queen.

In the House of Commons in 1888 he prophesied:
"The time is coming when the present relations between
"Great Britain and Canada must either become closer
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Speaking in Boston in 1891 he declared that Canand would never consent to Imperial federation, even on
commercial lines alone, because the consequence would
be the participation of Canada in British wars.

In 1892 we find him saying: "I hold out to my
"fellow countrymen the idea of independence. But
"whenever the day comes it must come by the consent
"of both countries, and we shall continue to keep the
"goof feeling and the good will of the Motherland. If
"we are true to our record we will again exhibit to the
"world the unique and unprecedented example of a no"tion achieving its independence by slow degrees and an
"naturally as the severing of the ripe fruit from the
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The Laurier

lic sentiment, Sir Wilfrid Laurier refused to permit Canadian troops to participate. In the Toronto Globe of October 4, 1899, he expressed himself in these terms: "As I understand the Militia Act and I may say that I "have given it some study of late, our volunteers are "enrolled to be used in the defence of the Dominion." They are Canadian troops to be used to fight for Canadia's defence. There is no menace to Canada, and "although we may be willing to contribute troops I do "not see how we can do so. Then again, how could we "do so without Parliament granting us the money? We "simply could not do anything. In other words we "should have to summon Parliament." It did not take long to demonstrate the insincerity of these excuses. Quotations could be multiplied to show that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's one thought, aim and object has been to separate Canada from the Imperial band, which unites the peoples of the Empire. And his record is perpetuated through the Imperial Conferences. In 1902 in answer to the proposals of the Imperial Government Sir Wilfrid Laurier presented a memorandum stating that "the Canadian Government are obliged to dissent "from the measure proposed."

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